

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary  
EQIP - Coos General Forestland**

<b>Program:</b> EQIP 2014	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> EQIP - Coos General Forestland		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250 Point(s)
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	10 Point(s)
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	10 Point(s)
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	10 Point(s)
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10 Point(s)

Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	15 Point(s)
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	10 Point(s)
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10 Point(s)
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	10 Point(s)
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10 Point(s)
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10 Point(s)
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	10 Point(s)
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10 Point(s)
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	10 Point(s)
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	10 Point(s)
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	10 Point(s)

6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10 Point(s)
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10 Point(s)
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10 Point(s)
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10 Point(s)
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10 Point(s)
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10 Point(s)
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	10 Point(s)

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project avoid building permanent crossings?	50 Point(s)
2. Does the application include Forest Stand Improvement on 75% of the forested land or on at least 20 acres (as outlined in a forest management plan)? Note: marking only is fine	100 Point(s)

3. Early Successional Habitat Management - Will the practices within the application maintain or create 5 continuous acres of young forest?	100 Point(s)
4. Will the application include practices to control invasive plants on 75% of the forested land or on 20 acres or more?	100 Point(s)
5. Will coarse woody material be added to first and second order streams to retain sediment and re-engage floodplains?	50 Point(s)

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will direct discharge of sediment/nutrients into surface waters be controlled by practices in this application?	20 Point(s)
2. Will practices in this application control nonnative invasive species?	20 Point(s)
3. Does the application include conservation buffers that are a minimum of 50 feet in width?	35 Point(s)
4. Does the application include practices to benefit Eastern Brook Trout, Woodcock, Ruffed Grouse, or other Species of Concern identified in the NH Wildlife Action Plan on the treatment area?	35 Point(s)
5. Will practices in the application impact products you sell within 275 miles of your farm?	15 Point(s)
6. Will the practices in the application be implemented on land protected by a permanent conservation easement?	15 Point(s)
7. Does the application include practices to help the farm/operation recover from documented catastrophic natural events?	20 Point(s)
8. Practices in the application are consistent with recommendations in your farm, business, wildlife, or forestry management plan?	35 Point(s)
9. Does this application address energy efficiency or water conservation?	20 Point(s)
10. Are practices included in the application that have a positive effect on long-term forest productivity?	35 Point(s)















































